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SUBJECT: MALTA REQUEST FOR FMD FREE CONSIDERATION

REF: (A) VALLETTA 0498

1. REQUEST MALTA MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE BE INFORMED THAT US DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE CONSIDERS FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE (FMD) ONE OF THE MOST SERIOUS THREATS TO ITS LIVESTOCK INDUSTRY. THEREFORE, IT DOES NOT ACCEPT ANY AREA AS FREE, BASED ON STATEMENT ALONE. MANY FACTORS OTHER THAN PRESENCE OR ABSENCE OF ACTUAL OUTBREAKS OF FMD CONSIDERED BEFORE AFFECTED AREAS ARE REDESIGNATED AS FREE OF DISEASE.

2. USDA HAS PROCEDURE TO CONSIDER SUCH AREAS FOR REDESIGNATION. MALTA MINISTRY SHOULD BE ADVISED THAT THEIR CHIEF VETERINARY OFFICIAL MAY WRITE THE DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR, VETERINARY SERVICES, APHIS, USDA, WASHINGTON, DC 20250.
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HIS LETTER SHOULD DECLARE THAT MALTA CONSIDERS ITSELF FREE OF FMD AND REQUESTS THE DEPARTMENT RECONSIDER MALTA AS A FREE AREA. USDA WILL THEN REVIEW AVAILABLE DATA AND MAKE PERTINENT INQUIRIES ON SPECIFIC POINTS TO THE MINISTRY. FINAL DETERMINATION WILL BE BASED ON INFORMATION DEVELOPED

FROM THESE INQUIRIES AND PERHAPS AN ONSITE REVIEW OF

MALTA'S ANIMAL DISEASE PROGRAMS BY REPRESENTATIVE OF VETERINARY SERVICES.

3. MALTA MAY BE INFORMED THAT SUCH A REVIEW IS MADE ONLY ON REQUEST OF COUNTRIES DESIRING REDESIGNATION. USDA DOES NOT SEEK OUT COUNTRIES THAT MIGHT QUALIFY. THEY WILL BE HAPPY TO CONSIDER MALTA'S REQUEST. VANCE

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